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TITLE: DECORATIVE MATERIAL AND DECORATIVE SHEET

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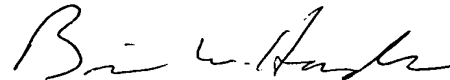
This is a preliminary amendment accompanying a new patent application being filed simultaneously herewith.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.

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Respectfully submitted,



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